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FOLLOWING RPT CAIRO 8737, SEPT 5:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 8737

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: YOUR MEETING WITH ASAD

1. AS YOU MAY KNOW, ASAD DID NOT RECEIVE VP MOBAREK DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS LAST TUESDAY. HOWEVER, BASED ON TALKS WITH SOME OF HISOLD SYRIAN MILITARY CRONIES, MOBAREK SEEMS TO HAVE GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SYRIANS WERE SECRETLY PLEASED WITH THE NEW AGREEMENT AND SO REPORTED BACK HERE. EGYPTIANS WERE A BIT TAKEN ABACK, THEREFORE, AT THE SEVERITY OF SYRIAN REACTION TO THE AGREEMENT AND TEND TO ATTRIBUTE THIS TO SOVIET INSTIGATION.

2. FAHMY HAS ASKED IF I HAVE ANY WORD ON YOUR MEETING WITH ASAD, WHICH MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT ON SYRIAN REACTIONS AND INTENTIONS. HE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ESTIMATE OF HIESEIN'S REACTION BASED ON YOUR CONVERSATION WITH THE KING. EILTS UNQOOTE. ROBINSON

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